Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
July 4, 2015	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN: 015-11653-1192-013	Date: July 3, 2015	Time: 2330 hours

City or Station: Lancaster Station

Location: Across from [redacted] W. Avenue K-4

Nature of Incident: During a pedestrian stop, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were shot at by Suspect Lopez. Both detectives returned fire, killing the suspect.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
☐ Backyard
☐ Beach
☐ Business
☐ Freeway
☐ Industrial
☐ Park
☐ Parking Lot
☐ Residence
☐ Rural
☐ School
☑ Street
Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
☐ Darkness
☐ Daylight
☐ Other
☑ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
☑ Clear
☐ Cloudy
☐ Fog
☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
☐ Accidental
☑ Armed Person
☐ Fleeing Suspect
☑ Foot Pursuit
☐ Gun Take Away
☐ Moving Vehicle
☐ Sniper/Ambush
☐ Startle
☐ Struggle Involved
☐ Traffic Stop
☐ Unarmed Person
☐ Unintentional
☐ Vehicle Pursuit
☐ Warrant Service
☐ Warning Shot
Other: Pedestrian stop

Initiated by (*check only one*):
☐ Arrest Warrant
☐ Call
☐ Observation
☐ One Person Unit
☐ Other
☐ Search Warrant
☑ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
☐ Detective
☐ Inmate Transport
☐ Other
☑ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 16

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 1

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☑

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Marbach	Mark	J.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Minster	Gregory	A.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Chang	Francois	H.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name			M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name		First Name			M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name		First Name			M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*):
[redacted]	Marbach	Mark	J	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Minster	Gregory	A.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Rhea	Jeffrey	S.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Diez	Justin	R.

PSTD Use Only

SH # 2381947

SH-R-438A (rev. 10/01/15)

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
July 4, 2015	0330 hours	3/19/18	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	River	Terisa	M.
[redacted]	Denison	Trent	A.
[redacted]	Flores	David	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1, E2	FH	ZZ	9			NN	
E1	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	HE / AR
E2	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	HE / AR

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Sex [redacted] Race: [redacted]	Rank: B-1 (Detective)	Unit Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: None	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Age: [redacted] Height: [redacted]	Weight: [redacted]			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber 9mm	# Shots 7	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Sex [redacted] Race: [redacted]	Rank: B-1 (Detective)	Unit Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: None	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 9	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Age: [redacted] Height: [redacted]	Weight: [redacted]			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: [redacted]	Caliber [redacted]	# Shots [redacted]	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I.

E

Employee #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Age: Height:	Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Lopez		First Name: Arturo	M.I. R.
AKA Last Name: Doe		First Name: John	M.I.
Sex: M Race: Hispanic	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 46 D.O.B. 11/21/1968	Height: 5'08" Weight: 170	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge: Attempted Murder on a P.O, 664/187PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case #: 2015-046-05	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Methamphetamine/Amphetamine
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☑

Vehicle Make: N/A Model: Year: Parole: No Probation: Yes Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐

Vehicle Make Model: Year: Parole: Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐

Vehicle Make Model: Year: Parole: Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐

Vehicle Make Model: Year: Parole: Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I.
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph [redacted]	Home Ph
Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I.
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
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Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
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Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Deputy [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Lancaster Station	93534	661-948-8466	
Deputy Feickert	Mark	A.	Lancaster Station	93534	661-948-8466	
Deputy Jepson	Erik	S.	Lancaster Station	93534	661-948-8466	
Deputy Clark	James	L.	Lancaster Station	93534	661-948-8466	
Deputy [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Lancaster Station	93534	661-948-8466	

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE #:	**SH2381947**
URN #:	**015-11653-1192-013**
DATE/TIME:	**July 3, 2015 / 2330 hours**
LOCATION:	**Across from [redacted] West Avenue K-4, Lancaster**

SUMMARY

On July 4, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant David Flores, #[redacted], Sergeants Terisa River, #[redacted], and Trent Denison, #[redacted], responded to Lancaster Station regarding an on-duty deputy-involved hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the death of Suspect Arturo Lopez (hereafter referred to as Suspect Lopez). On April 10, 2016, this case was reassigned to Sergeant Thomas Arellano; and later reassigned to Sergeant Irys Alvarez on September 20, 2017.

IAB Lieutenant Flores confirmed the watch commander, Lieutenant Justin Diez, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident amongst themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Flores confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detectives Sergeant Richard Biddle, #[redacted], and Sergeant Howard Cooper, #[redacted], from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information regarding the shooting investigation refer to the Homicide casebook, under URN #015-11653-1192-013 **[Exhibit A]**.

SYNOPSIS

On July 3, 2015, at approximately 2330 hours, Operation Safe Streets (OSS) Bureau Deputies [redacted] (driver), #[redacted] and [redacted] (bookman), #[redacted], were partners working a Gang Violence Suppression unit. They were driving an unmarked Crown Victoria, patrolling a known gang neighborhood, near 32nd Street West and West Avenue K-4, Lancaster.

IAB Note: Gang violence suppression units are a two-person, no call car. Their main responsibility is to contact and identify gang members and their associates.

Shortly after Deputy [redacted] turned east on West Avenue K-4, from 32nd Street West, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] saw two males (Suspect Lopez and a second individual hereafter referred to as Suspect 2) walking west on West Avenue K-4, from 31st Street West. Suspects Lopez and Suspect 2 were walking on the south side of the street with an unsteady gait, without regard for incoming traffic. As the deputies drove toward Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2, the suspects walked at an angle from the south side of the street in the direction of an apartment complex, [redacted] West Avenue K-4, on the north side of the street. The deputies' intentions were contact Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 to warn and/or advise them they were in violation of 21956 CVC, Pedestrian in the Roadway. Deputy [redacted] also wanted to investigate whether or not Suspect Lopez and/or Suspect 2 were under the influence of alcohol, in violation of 647 (f) P.C., Drunk in Public.

As Deputy [redacted] veered the vehicle in a northeast direction toward Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2, the suspects changed their direction of travel and began walking back to the south side of the street, toward a dirt lot, located on the south side of West Avenue K-4. Refer to photograph #3202 to see a layout of the area where this incident occurred **[Exhibit B].**

In response to Suspect Lopez' and Suspect 2's actions, Deputy [redacted] veered his vehicle in a southeast direction, at approximately two miles an hour, toward the suspects. Deputy [redacted] exited the passenger side of the patrol vehicle, to gain the suspects' attention and ordered them to grab the hood of the patrol car. Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 ignored Deputy [redacted] commands, and continued walking away, toward the dirt lot, with their hands inside their sweatshirts.

Deputy [redacted] continued to give Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 several commands, which they ignored. Fearing the suspects were armed with handguns, Deputy [redacted] drew his service weapon and ordered Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 to show him their hands. Both suspects ignored Deputy [redacted] commands, continued walking toward the dirt lot with their hands concealed in their sweatshirts. As the suspects neared the dirt lot, they began to move about to the point where Suspect 2 briefly came in between Suspect Lopez and the deputies. At some point during the movement, Suspect 2 blocked Deputy [redacted] view of Suspect Lopez, who began to move his hands underneath his sweatshirt. Both deputies believed Suspect Lopez' movements underneath his sweatshirt were consistent with that of someone who was manipulating a firearm.

Fearing Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 were arming themselves, Deputy [redacted] ordered them to remove their hands from their pockets, and to "get on the ground!" The Suspects continued to ignore Deputy [redacted] commands. At some point when Suspect Lopez was moving his hands underneath his sweatshirt, Suspect 2 moved in a southwest direction, away from Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez turned to his left, said,

"Fuck this," produced a gun from under his sweatshirt, and fired at Deputies [redacted] and [redacted]. Fearing for their lives, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] returned fire at Suspect Lopez.

Suspect Lopez' firearm malfunctioned and neither of the deputies were struck by the gunfire. Suspect Lopez continued to manipulate the weapon, in an attempt to clear the malfunction, causing Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] to continue firing their weapons in an attempt to stop the threat. Suspect Lopez was subsequently struck by the deputies' gunfire and fell face down on the ground, on top of his firearm. Once Suspect Lopez fell on the ground, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] ceased firing their duty weapons. While on the ground, Suspect Lopez continued to manipulate his firearm, causing Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] to continue pointing their guns in his direction. Immediately after Suspect Lopez fell on the ground, Suspect 2, who was nearby, ran toward Suspect Lopez. Fearing Suspect 2 would arm himself with Suspect Lopez' weapon, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] pointed their guns at Suspect 2 and ordered him to stop. Suspect 2 stopped and fled on foot in a southeast direction, past an adjacent dirt field.

Not knowing whether or not Suspect 2 was armed, or whether he was fleeing to engage and fire at them from a position of advantage, Deputy [redacted] went in foot pursuit of Suspect 2. Deputy [redacted] maintained his position and held Suspect Lopez at gunpoint. He additionally put out emergent radio traffic advising assisting units that he and his partner were involved in a deputy-involved shooting. Deputy [redacted] further announced Deputy [redacted] was in foot-pursuit of Suspect 2. [Refer to the DVD containing emergent radio transmissions provided by the Sheriff's Communications Center (SCC), **Exhibit C**].

Deputy [redacted] followed Suspect 2 for approximately 75 yards. Once Suspect 2 ran in a southeast direction, past a walkway that divides the east and south walls, Deputy [redacted] self-terminated the foot pursuit and returned to Deputy [redacted] location. On his way back to Deputy [redacted] location, Deputy [redacted] broadcasted, over his handheld radio, a description of Suspect 2, as well as his last seen direction. Pending the arrival of additional units, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] continued to hold Suspect Lopez at gunpoint. During that time, Deputy [redacted] handcuffed Suspect Lopez. Once additional units arrived on scene (Sergeants Marbach, #[redacted], Minster, #[redacted], and Chang, #[redacted]), Deputy [redacted] rolled Suspect Lopez onto his left side to retrieve the firearm from underneath his body. Deputy [redacted] pulled the firearm away from Suspect Lopez and saw that it was attached to a USB cord, which was tied around Suspect Lopez' neck like a tactical sling. Deputy [redacted] used a knife to cut the USB cord, and removed the firearm from Suspect Lopez. Sergeant Minster began chest compressions on Suspect Lopez, pending the arrival of paramedics [For further details, refer to the video footage provided by Sergeant Chang, **Exhibit D**].

Paramedics arrived on scene and began medically evaluating Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez was pronounced dead on the scene by paramedics at 2340 hours. Neither of the deputies were injured during this incident. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were checked

by paramedics, transported to Lancaster Station and monitored by a supervisor pending their interview with Homicide detectives.

The weapon used by Suspect Lopez was identified by Scientific Services Bureau as an Intratec TEC 9, 9 millimeter, Luger assault weapon. Suspect Lopez' firearm was fully loaded to capacity with a thirty round magazine, consisting of 9 millimeter ammunition, and one expended casing stove-piped within the chamber of the weapon [Refer to photograph #3094, **Exhibit B**].

IAB Note: **The Intratec TEC-9 is a blowback-operated semi-automatic pistol chambered in 9x19 parabellum. The firearm Suspect Lopez was in possession of was registered in his name on September 8, 1996.**

The term "stove-piped" refers to the weapon's failure to eject the expended casing, which is caught in the ejection port by the forward motion of the slide. Suspect Lopez' firearm was determined to be functional by Scientific Services Bureau.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Suspect Lopez by Deputy [redacted] and [redacted]. In a letter of opinion dated May 8, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others **[EXHIBIT E]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

Detective Division
[redacted]
Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol/[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On July 3, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "B" uniform, with a vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment worn on his duty belt included his Department issued 9mm firearm, three fully loaded Department issued magazines, handcuffs, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, handheld radio, and keys.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

Detective Division
[redacted]
Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol/[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On July 3, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "B" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment worn on his duty belt included his Department issued 9mm firearm, two fully loaded Department issued magazines, handcuffs, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, handheld radio and keys.

SUSPECT INFORMATION (DECEASED)

Arturo R. Lopez - Male, Hispanic, DOB: November 21, 1968, 5'08"/ 190 lbs.
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], FBI #[redacted], CDL #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System revealed Suspect Lopez was [redacted] (Suspect Lopez' criminal history is included in the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 141-152]**).

SUSPECT AUTOPSY

On July 6, 2015, a post-mortem examination of the remains of Suspect Arturo Lopez was performed by Doctor Odey C. Ukpo at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. It was determined Suspect Lopez' death was caused by two gunshot wounds (For additional information, see Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 118-125]**).

During the course of Suspect Lopez' autopsy, blood was drawn from several areas of the body including the heart. A laboratory summary for toxicology screening **[Exhibit A, page 128]** was completed. Suspect Lopez' blood tested positive for marijuana, Amphetamine and Methamphetamine.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during the course of this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 81-87]**. Also, see scene photographs of evidence **[Exhibit B]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Investigators Domenick Recchia, #[redacted] and Michael Rodriguez, #[redacted], and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location. The descriptions were consistent with the observations of the IAB investigators who responded to the scene.

Forensic Identification Specialists Terry Beatty, #[redacted], and Deputy Jeff Collins, #[redacted], assisted Homicide investigators with the processing of the crime scene. For further details, see the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 4-6]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB investigators' observations. The scene was also photographed and sketched by the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau. Included as a permanent record within the IAB case book are compact discs containing aerial photographs of the scene, photographs of involved deputy personnel, coroner's photographs, and scene investigation photographs **[EXHIBIT B]**. For a copy of the crime scene sketch and evidence collected, see **[Exhibit F].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] fired seven rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P semiautomatic pistol (HAR[redacted]). The firearm was examined by Homicide Sergeants Biddle and Cooper. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Beatty, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Deputy [redacted] Weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report **[Exhibit G, page 1]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

> **IAB Note: Deputy Personnel are required to qualify every trimester. A copy of the involved deputies' complete training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included as a permanent record within this IAB casebook, [Exhibit H].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] fired nine rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P semiautomatic pistol (#HRK[redacted]). The firearm was examined by Homicide Sergeants Biddle and Cooper. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Beatty, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Deputy [redacted] weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report **[Exhibit G, page 2]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT LOPEZ

Suspect Lopez was in possession of an assault pistol, Intratec Tec-9, 9MM Luger, Model AB10, serial #A[redacted], with a magazine containing thirty live rounds, and one expended shell casing in the chamber. (Refer to Homicide's casebook, **[Exhibit A, pages 84-87]**. See Scientific Services Bureau Laboratory Examination Report **[Exhibit G]**).

PROPERTY DAMAGE

No property damage was identified.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred in the city of Lancaster, at approximately 2330 hours. The lowest temperature was registered at 81 degrees. The weather was clear and hot.

West Avenue K-4, which is 29 feet wide, had four street lamps lighting the north side of the street, directly across from the dirt lot. The south side of the street, the dirt lot, which is approximately 606 feet in length (east to west) by 321 feet in width (north to south), had no street lamps. There is minimal lighting illuminating the east wall and south wall of the dirt lot, provided by adjoining apartment complexes.

The deputies' vehicle headlights and spotlight(s) provided additional lighting to illuminate the suspects.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) certified copy of the radio traffic associated with the incident **[EXHIBIT I]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

DISPATCH CHANNEL

2330 hours- Deputy [redacted] requests the dual patch. Puts out emergent radio traffic advising of a deputy-involved shooting and a suspect down at the location. He also advises a second suspect is running from the location. Seconds later, Deputy [redacted] advises Deputy [redacted] is in foot-pursuit of a second suspect. Units begin responding.

2331 hours- SCC advises Aero is down at the moment. Units begin to ask for the exact location of where the shooting occurred.

2331 hours- Deputy [redacted] broadcasts a better location. Gives fleeing suspect's description, and last seen direction.

2332 hours- Aero Bureau advises they are on the frequency and they are twenty-five minutes out. SCC advises fire is staging. Seconds later SCC asks if Deputy [redacted] is still in foot pursuit. Deputy [redacted] advises he is no longer in foot-pursuit and requests paramedics to their location. Aero asks if handling unit wants a containment for the fleeing suspect.
An unidentified unit confirms with Aero to start setting up the containment. Deputy [redacted] starts directing assisting units to key containment locations near the scene.

2333 hours- Unit 112 advises they are one minute out. Deputy [redacted] asks for a unit to his location and advises he still cannot see Suspect Lopez' left hand. 110S (Sgt. Chang) advises he is "Code 6." Aero asks for the handling unit's location. The exact location is given.

2334 hours- SCC asks 110G1 if it's clear for fire to roll into the scene. An unidentified unit advises SCC to roll in fire.

2335 hours- A unit broadcasts the outstanding suspect's description. A second unit starts setting up a containment to lockdown the area of K-4 to "L," south through the dessert field.

2336 hours- SCC asks if all deputies are accounted for. A unit confirms all deputies are accounted for. SCC announces Tag 582 is a "923" (shots fired) call. See the Tag 582 incident detail located in the Miscellaneous Documents section.

2338 hours- A unit advises paramedics are cleared to enter the crime scene to render aid to Suspect Lopez. A unit advises fire is en route from his location, K-8 and 32nd Street West. SCC advises the deputy-involved shooting is possibly related to a "shots fired" call at [redacted], cross of K-4, stating the disturbing party ran into the back house and the neighbor saw them shooting a black handgun into the air.

2339 hours- Dispatch advises Palmdale and Santa Clarita units are on their way to assist and asks if a Canine unit is needed. Deputy [redacted] asks for a canine unit.

Advises outstanding suspect was possibly armed. A unit requests fire to roll in ASAP. SCC voices fire was advised and K-9 was en route

2340 hours- A broadcasts a comprehensive suspect description. SCC advises A-Tac 1 is ready when units are ready to switch.

2341 hours - Aero asks if units need assistance with their containment. A unit asks Aero to take a look at their containment from above. Aero advises they are 14 minutes out. Aero completes the containment as they are responding.

2342 hours- Units continue to respond to containment spots.

2343 hours- Aero confirms they are 10 minutes away.

2345 hours- SCC asks if units are ready to switch to A-Tac 1.

2346 hours- A unit advises they will switch to A-Tac 1 once the containment is completed. SCC acknowledges. SCC asks for the Command Post (CP) location.

2348 hours- The CP location is given.

2349 hours- A unit advises of two males wearing dark clothing walking westbound from 35th street/K-8 and requests a unit to make contact with them.

2350 hours- SCC requests description of the outstanding suspect.

2351 hours- Deputy [redacted] gives Suspect 2's description M/H, 15-18 years old, 5'5" to 5'8", 175-200 pounds and last seen direction.

2354 hours- Deputy [redacted] advises Suspect 2 ran in a southeast direction from the scene diagonally through the dirt field to the southeast of the location, toward 30th street.

2355 hours- Air 21 is on scene, points the light and asks if the suspect was seen running in that direction.

2357 hours- Aero asks if units want to expand the containment.

2358 hours- A unit concurs for Aero to expand the containment. Aero advises units to not allow anyone in or out of the containment; and they assign units to open containment spots.

2359 hours- A unit advises roving units to respond to the CP at the northwest corner of the parking lot at Antelope Valley College, 3041 W. Avenue K, Lancaster.

0003 hours- Aero advises they will go to Miraloma to refuel and will return in twelve minutes. Units switch over to A-Tac 1. SCC drops the dual patch.

LANCASTER STATION L-TAC
2333 hours- A unit asks dispatch for the location of the 998. The desks voices 30th and K-4.

2349 hours- A unit requests possible address for the location the suspect ran to. The desk advises southbound from 32nd and K-4, an advises of a call near the area regarding a neighbor shooting a handgun into the air and ran back into the house at [redacted] 30th St. West, off of K-4.

A-TAC 1

Frequency A-Tac 1 was used by Lancaster Station personnel at the command post to coordinate their resources.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

During a canvass of the scene, Homicide Bureau investigators discovered no video surveillance.

IAB Note: **During Homicide Bureau detectives' interview of Witness [redacted], she indicated "some tenants in [redacted] had a video of the shooting, which she had the opportunity to view." Homicide Investigators attempted to locate the residents of [redacted] but were unsuccessful, [Exhibit A, page 22].**

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by involved Department personnel.

SERGEANT GREGORY MINSTER

IAB Interview

On November 29, 2017, at approximately 1253 hours, Sergeant Minster was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Thomas Arellano at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

IAB Note: **On April 16, 2017, Sergeant Minster [redacted] and currently holds that position.**

On July 3, 2015, Sergeant Minster was the scheduling sergeant assigned to Lancaster Sheriff's Station. He had been a sergeant for approximately ten years. On the day of the incident, Sergeant Minster was working overtime as a field supervisor (113S), and had a civilian ride-along with him [redacted].

IAB Note: **The Department's Ride-Along Program is designed for Department employees and/or civilian persons who desire to gain a perspective of the day-to-day duties of sworn Department members. IAB investigators requested a copy of the civilian Ride-Along Form documenting [redacted] participated in a ride-along. Lancaster Station's Operations Sergeant, Sergeant Dustin Carr, #[redacted], was not able to locate a copy of the form.**

The day of the incident, Sergeant Minster heard emergent radio traffic indicating a deputy-involved shooting had occurred. He activated his red lights and siren, and responded to the location. While in transit, he heard that a suspect fled the scene and a containment was being established. Once he arrived, Sergeant Minster parked northeast of the scene. He indicated his ride-along remained in the vehicle.

As he exited his vehicle, Sergeant Minster could see a crowd forming on the north side of the street. He saw a body (Suspect Lopez) lying on the ground, and Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were standing to the west of it. Suspect Lopez' body was prone, his head was pointing south and his feet pointing north. Sergeant contacted Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] and asked them if they were okay. Both deputies indicated they were okay. He inquired about Suspect Lopez' condition. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] told him Suspect Lopez had been shot.

He approached Suspect Lopez and checked for a pulse on his neck and arm. He did not feel a pulse. Sergeant Minster told deputies he was going to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Suspect Lopez. When he got close, he was able to see there was some type of weapon under Suspect Lopez' body. Sergeant Minster and both deputies turned Suspect Lopez onto his side, and he could see what looked like an "Uzi" strapped around Suspect Lopez' neck. Not knowing whether Suspect Lopez was going to regain consciousness, Deputy [redacted] cut the cord, releasing the weapon attached to Suspect Lopez' body. Suspect Lopez was subsequently turned over, and placed on his back.

Sergeant Minster rechecked Suspect Lopez' vital signs. He did not feel a pulse and started chest compressions. At some point, Sergeant Chang began video recording what was taking place. Paramedics arrived on scene, relieved Sergeant Minster of his duties and began medically treating Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics.

Sergeant Minster said that, although it was dark outside, the specific area where the shooting occurred was lit up by Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] vehicle lights. He became concerned with the crowd that was starting to gather on the north side of the street. He noticed Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] patrol car lights were illuminating Suspect Lopez' body, which was allowing the crowd to clearly see Suspect Lopez' body lying on the ground. Sergeant Minster believed that was causing the formation of a larger crowd who were starting to videotape what was going on. To prevent a larger crowd from gathering, Sergeant Minster went to Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] vehicle and turned off the lights. He made sure he did not disturb anything else. Once the lights were turned off and Suspect Lopez' body was not being illuminated, the crowd dispersed. Sergeant Minster informed Sergeant Marbach of his actions and explained to him the reason behind his decision to turn off the lights. For further see the supplemental report authored by Sergeant Minster, located in the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, page 36]**.

SERGEANT FRANCOIS CHANG

IAB Interview

On November 30, 2017, at approximately 1435 hours, Sergeant Chang was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Sergeant Chang was working the early morning shift as a field sergeant (110S). Sergeant Chang had been a patrol sergeant for approximately one year.

On the night of the incident, Sergeant Chang heard emergent radio traffic regarding a deputy-involved shooting. He responded to the location. When he arrived on scene, Sergeant Chang made sure the involved deputies were okay. He also ensured Suspect Lopez was no longer a threat as he had, what appeared to be, a "semi-auto or full automatic Tec-9 style gun still strapped or tethered to his body." For that reason, Sergeant Chang wanted to make sure the gun attached to Suspect Lopez' body was removed, in case he regained consciousness. He gave his knife to a deputy while he videotaped the removal of the gun. Sergeant Chang saw Sergeant Minster check Suspect Lopez' pulse and perform lifesaving measures on Suspect Lopez. In the meantime, Sergeant Chang began coordinating with the airship to ensure the containment was appropriately established. Once Sergeant Chang made sure his assistance was no longer needed at the scene, he proceeded to Antelope Valley College, to manage the command post.

Shortly after Sergeant Chang arrived on scene, he began video recording the activity taking place. He submitted the video footage to Homicide personnel. To see the video footage refer to **[Exhibit D].**

SERGEANT MARK MARBACH

IAB Interview

On February 1, 2018, at approximately 1235 hours, Sergeant Marbach was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Sergeant Marbach was the OSS sergeant. He was working overtime as the field sergeant (110GS) in support of patrol personnel working the gang violence suppression units. In 2012 Sergeant Marbach was assigned as the Lancaster and Palmdale Station OSS team sergeant. At the time of the incident, he had been a sergeant for approximately [redacted] years.

On the night of the incident, Sergeant Marbach was pulling into Lancaster Sheriff's Station when he heard radio traffic of a deputy-involved shooting. At some point, he also learned of an outstanding suspect. He immediately recognized that the unit involved were his team members. He activated his red lights and sirens, and responded to the location. When Sergeant Marbach arrived on scene, he ensured Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were okay. He saw Suspect Lopez was down on the ground with what appeared to be brain matter leaking out of his head.

Sergeant Marbach saw Suspect Lopez had a weapon attached to his body with a USB cord. He wanted to document what he saw prior to cutting the cord and removing the weapon from Suspect Lopez' body. Sergeant Marbach walked to his vehicle and retrieved the video camera. When he returned, he saw Sergeant Chang was already videotaping the scene. Sergeant Marbach saw the weapon had been detached from Suspect Lopez' body and Sergeant Minster had started chest compressions. From that point, Sergeant Marbach made sure the crime scene was secured and the containment was established. He also ensured all the necessary resources were requested, including a canine unit. In addition, Sergeant Marbach coordinated for deputies to canvass the area for any possible witnesses.

Sergeant Marbach stated one of the issues he made sure was addressed earlier during his arrival was the backdrop. He was aware of the existence of apartment complexes to the east and the south of where the shooting took place. He ensured there were no stray rounds that may have struck any of the buildings south or east of the scene. Sergeant Marbach wrote a supplemental report documenting his actions. The report is located in the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 49-50]**.

As the field sergeant in charge of the gang violence suppression units, Sergeant Marbach completed the Foot Pursuit Evaluation Form **[Exhibit J]**.

DEPUTY [redacted]

IAB Interview

On February 26, 2018, at approximately 1305 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Carmen Arballo. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was assigned at OSS and was working overtime in a gang suppression unit at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. He was assigned as a two-person car (260G) with Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] had been in patrol for approximately seven years at the time of this incident. The night of the incident, Deputy [redacted] heard radio traffic indicating a deputy-involved shooting had occurred. He and his partner drove to the location. They parked their vehicle on West Avenue K-4 and walked up to where the suspect was lying.

Deputy [redacted] walked up to Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] and saw Suspect Lopez had a head wound. He saw deputy personnel attempting to remove the firearm from Suspect Lopez, which was tied to him with what appeared to be a black USB cord. Deputy [redacted] wanted to make sure the immediate crime scene was secured, he also obtained information regarding the outstanding suspect, Suspect 2. Once the area was secured, he and his partner left the location and took up a containment spot away from the crime scene.

DEPUTY MARK FEICKERT

IAB Interview

On February 26, 2018, at approximately 1055 hours, Deputy Feickert was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Carmen Arballo. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Deputy Feickert was assigned to Lancaster Juvenile Court. On the night of the incident, he was working overtime at Lancaster Sheriff's Station (111J). His partner was Deputy Alex Smith, #[redacted]. Deputy Feickert worked patrol at [redacted] for a total of [redacted].

> **IAB Note: Deputy Alex Smith left the Department September 29, 2017, and was not interviewed. He authored a supplemental report describing his actions the night of the incident, refer to [Exhibit A, pages 37-43].**

Deputy Feickert heard, via his county issued radio, a deputy-involved shooting had occurred. He and his partner responded to the location. They arrived and parked to the

east of Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] patrol vehicle. Deputy Feickert saw the suspect down in the dirt field. Once he and his partner walked closer toward Suspect Lopez, Deputy Feickert saw "he had a firearm next to him." He saw Sergeant Minster administer first aid to Suspect Lopez. Deputy Feickert immediately went to the northeast side of the field, right by the east apartment complex, and put up crime tape to close off the area. He maintained that position while his partner canvassed the area.

DEPUTY ERIK JEPSON

IAB Interview

On March 8, 2018, at approximately 1100 hours, Deputy Erik Jepson was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeff Hamil, at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Deputy Jepson was working Lancaster patrol (Unit 112A). His partner was Deputy James Clark, who was a trainee at that time.

Deputy Jepson was assigned to Lancaster Station in 2008. Deputy Jepson and his partner were [redacted]. He heard the dual-patch requested and heard "998 out of Lancaster" and he and his partner responded to West Avenue K-4 and 32nd Street West.

When they arrived, he saw Suspect Lopez down in the desert field and a sergeant was doing chest compressions on him. Fire department personnel were on scene and pronounced Suspect Lopez dead. Deputy Jepson said one of his main concerns was to ascertain who was taking control of the situation, and he and his partner assumed the handle and setup the command post near the location of the incident. They ensured a containment was established, and directed some on-scene personnel to begin canvassing the area for potential witnesses. The command post was later relocated to the south parking lot of Antelope Valley College.

DEPUTY JAMES CLARK

IAB Interview

On March 8, 2018, at approximately 1124 hours, Deputy James Clark was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeff Hamil at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Deputy Clark was working Lancaster patrol (Unit 112A) with his training officer, Deputy Jepson. Deputy Clark was assigned to Lancaster Station patrol in February of 2015.

Deputy Clark said he heard emergent radio traffic regarding a deputy-involved shooting. When he and Deputy Jepson arrived on scene, he saw an unidentified sergeant doing

chest compressions on Suspect Lopez. Deputy Clark and his partner approached Suspect Lopez at the same time as paramedics. He saw Suspect Lopez had what appeared to be a "lanyard" attached to a firearm and Suspect Lopez' body. He heard paramedics say they would have to remove the firearm in order for them to assess Suspect Lopez and render aid. Deputy Clark and his partner started a temporary command post at the location of the incident; the command post was later relocated to Antelope Valley College. Deputy Clark said he wrote the initial complaint report under URN #015-11653-1192-013. A copy of the report is located in **Miscellaneous Documents**.

DEPUTY [redacted]

IAB Interview

On March 12, 2018, at approximately 1148 hours, Deputy [redacted], #[redacted], was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeant Irys Alvarez. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to OSS and was working overtime as a gang violence suppression unit at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. He was assigned as a two- person car (260G) with Deputy [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] had been in patrol for approximately seven years at the time of the incident.

Deputy [redacted] and his partner responded to West Avenue K-4 and 32nd Street West, regarding emergent radio traffic of a deputy-involved shooting. He saw numerous deputy personnel present, including Sergeant Marbach, who was speaking with Deputies [redacted] and [redacted]. He approached them to ascertain what needed to be done.

Deputy [redacted] remembered seeing Suspect Lopez lying on the dirt lot; however, he did not walk up close to the body and was unable to describe anything of significance regarding the suspect. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] were directed to take a containment position. Shortly after, he and [redacted] took an outer containment position.

IAB Note: **Deputy [redacted] was originally interviewed February 27, 2018, by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Thomas Arellano. Due to a recorder malfunction, there was no recording of the interview. Based on this investigator's recollection of the first interview, Deputy [redacted] statements remained consistent.**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On July 4, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Sergeants Biddle and Cooper. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 11-16]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

Homicide Round Count

On July 4, 2015, Homicide Detectives Biddle and Cooper conducted a round count of Deputy [redacted] firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P (serial #HAR[redacted]) at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. Deputy [redacted] had a total of eleven rounds, ten in the magazine and one in the chamber.

IAB Interview

On January 3, 2018, at 1415 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at the Internal Affairs Bureau office by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

> IAB Note: **In order to remain consistent with the Homicide casebook [Exhibit A], the decedent (AKA Suspect John Doe/Suspect Lopez) was referred to as Suspect 1 throughout the IAB interviews and will be referred to as Suspect Lopez in the summarized statements.**

On July 3, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was working a gang violence suppression unit. On that day, Deputy [redacted] (driver) partnered with Deputy [redacted] as unit 110G1. Deputy [redacted] had been in patrol for approximately [redacted]. He was assigned to OSS in [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] were in an unmarked titanium Sheriff's vehicle, heading east on West Avenue K-4, from 32nd Street West, when he saw the silhouette of two figures on the south side of the street.

> IAB Note: **The vehicle driven by Deputy [redacted] was a gray, unmarked Sheriff's vehicle with a metal patrician behind the front seat and rear sitting area, two spot lights, and a light-bar, located in the interior portion of the vehicle.**

The individuals (later identified as Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2) were walking west on the south side of West Avenue K-4, at the point in which the sidewalk ends and the dirt lot starts. Deputy [redacted] noticed Suspect Lopez and Suspect two were walking "like your typical intoxicated person," they were swaying back and forth, walking in and out from the street and onto the curb line. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] decided to contact Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 regarding the following possible violations: Pedestrian in the Roadway, 21956 California Vehicle Code (CVC), and Drunk in Public, 647(f)

California Penal Code (PC) (See 21956 CVC and 647(f) PC definitions in **Miscellaneous Documents**).

> **IAB Note: Photo 3203 [Exhibit B], provided by Scientific Services Bureau, depicts the location previously described by [redacted]. The sidewalk ends west of the east wall and divides the [redacted], [redacted] 30th Street West, from the dirt lot.**

Deputy [redacted] drove closer to the suspects, with the intention to contact and warn, or cite them for the indicated violations (Refer to photo 3203, taken by Scientific Services Bureau, used during Deputy [redacted] IAB interview **[Exhibit B]**. The "X," marked by Deputy [redacted] indicates the deputies' location in relation to the two Suspects when he and Deputy [redacted] first saw them). As Deputy [redacted] drove toward Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2, they walked from the south side of the street to the north side of the street. Deputy [redacted] said he angled his vehicle toward them and was certain he hit the overhead red (referring to the overhead light-bar, located inside the vehicle). At the time Deputy [redacted] angled his vehicle toward Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2, they turned back toward the south side of the street, toward the dirt lot. Subsequently, Deputy [redacted] "angled the car back to intercept them." As Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 were walking, in a southwest direction, almost in front of the patrol vehicle, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Lopez "put his hands up under his hooded sweatshirt." Almost simultaneously, Deputy [redacted] started getting out of the vehicle.

Deputy [redacted] said he had not come to a complete stop, but Deputy [redacted] got out of the patrol car as the suspects were "basically, going from the roadway toward the dirt lot." Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] issuing commands like, "Let me see your hands. Let me get you guys to come over to the front of the car."

Deputy [redacted] noticed Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 were wearing sweatshirts, which he thought was unusual due to the hot temperature. Deputy [redacted] said, wearing a hooded sweatshirt was definitely out of character for anybody. They had not seen anyone "in that kind of clothing" all night. Everyone they came in contact with that night was minimally dressed with tee-shirts and shorts.

> **IAB Note: According to Weather Underground.com, the following temperatures were recorded in Lancaster on July 3, 2015: The maximum 101°F; the minimum 73°F; and the mean 87°F.**

When Suspect Lopez placed "his hands up and under" his sweatshirt, Deputy [redacted] focused his attention on Suspect Lopez, and saw him make a "racking motion" underneath his sweatshirt. When Deputy [redacted] saw the racking motion underneath Suspect Lopez' shirt, he was in the driver's seat of the patrol vehicle. As soon as it was safe to do so, Deputy [redacted] "threw the car into park," hit the spotlight to illuminate the suspects, and began exiting the vehicle. Deputy [redacted] said one of his priorities was to get out of the vehicle, "and the gun's coming out because things are kind of going to hell

at that point." Deputy [redacted] said, "There was only one thing that I knew somebody would be making that motion with, and that's a firearm." At this point, Suspect Lopez was "sort of an oblique, like a forty-five degree" angle from Deputy [redacted]

IAB Note: **Deputy [redacted] said he knew "100 percent" what the motioning underneath the sweatshirt was at that time. Deputy [redacted] added he was doing whatever he could to not shoot Suspect Lopez. For further, see page 33 of Deputy [redacted] transcript.**

As Suspect Lopez went from the roadway to his first couple of steps into the dirt, Deputy [redacted] remembered Suspect Lopez distinctively saying, "fuck this." Suspect Lopez turned with his left hand, pointed the gun in Deputy [redacted] direction and fired one round.

Deputy [redacted], who was still coming up on target, fired two rounds as he was "punching out into a shooting position," while trying to move to his left, away from the doorway of his patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] concurrently heard a gunshot and saw the muzzle flash from Suspect Lopez' gun. Deputy [redacted] noticed, the muzzle flash wasn't a normal muzzle flash, "it looked like sparklers, where it wasn't a clear burn of the ammunition." Deputy [redacted] said he saw Suspect Lopez started messing with the gun, and began manipulating the weapon as if he was trying to clear the jam. Deputy [redacted] stated at this point, Deputy [redacted] "had fired a couple of rounds" and was still giving commands.

Deputy [redacted] said that after he fired the first two rounds, he saw Suspect Lopez continued manipulating the gun. Deputy [redacted] moved away from the spot light on the car because "tactically people will focus in on because they think that you're behind the light to see them." Deputy [redacted] stated he fired two additional rounds and then Suspect Lopez started to fall down.

Deputy [redacted] stated he was not sure exactly at what point, but Suspect Lopez continued trying to operate his firearm as he was falling down on the ground. Deputy [redacted] then fired three more rounds, for a total of seven rounds. After the last three shots, Suspect Lopez "finally went down," but continued moving while he was on the ground.

Once Suspect Lopez was down on the ground, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect 2 ran toward Suspect Lopez, and reached out toward him, like he was going to grab the gun. Deputy [redacted] told Suspect 2 if he stepped forward and grabbed the gun, he was going to shoot him. Suspect 2 stopped reaching in Suspect Lopez' direction and began to toward the dirt lot's southeast corner. Deputy [redacted] stated he did not know if Suspect 2 was armed or if he was trying to get distance on them to turn around and re-engage from a different position. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] quickly moved toward Suspect Lopez, at which time, Deputy [redacted] saw gray matter coming out of Suspect Lopez' right ear. Deputy [redacted] thought Suspect Lopez was "obviously incapacitated" and he made the decision to go in foot pursuit of Suspect 2.

Deputy [redacted] explained, he pursued Suspect 2 to "try and keep an observation" and to set up a containment. Deputy [redacted] estimated he ran after Suspect 2 for approximately seventy-five yards and stopped when he saw Suspect 2 run past a walkway on the southeast corner of the dirt lot, in between the east and south wall. From the walkway, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect 2 run east, toward 30th Street West. Deputy [redacted] stated that while he was in foot pursuit, he heard Deputy [redacted] put out emergent radio traffic on the radio regarding the "998." He also heard Deputy [redacted] broadcast over the radio Deputy [redacted] was in foot-pursuit of Suspect 2. Deputy [redacted] also heard assisting units were responding to their location.

Following the foot pursuit, Deputy [redacted] waited until he could broadcast information on the radio without affecting the response, or anything else. Once the dual patch was clear, Deputy [redacted] broadcasted the suspect's last direction of travel and his physical description. Deputy [redacted] said, he kept observation on Suspect 2 until he made sure Suspect 2 wasn't going to double back on them and pose a threat for deputy personnel. Once Deputy [redacted] felt Suspect 2 was not going to double back on them, Deputy [redacted] returned to Deputy [redacted] location.

IAB Note: The radio code "998" is used by Department members to alert station units, as well as neighboring stations, they have been involved in a shooting.

The walkway in between east and south wall of the dirt lot is approximately sixteen feet wide. It leads to side streets and an adjacent dirt field, which faces 30th street.

When Deputy [redacted] returned to Deputy [redacted] location, he saw Deputy [redacted] was holding Suspect Lopez at gunpoint. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] both pointed their guns at Suspect Lopez until the first unit arrived. Deputy [redacted] said he wasn't sure if he handcuffed Suspect Lopez, but said he was handcuffed at some point, pending the arrival of additional units.

Once additional units arrived, Deputy [redacted] attempted to remove the gun from Suspect Lopez. When Deputy [redacted], pulled the gun away from Suspect Lopez, deputy personnel realized the weapons was tied around Suspect Lopez' neck with a USB cord. Deputy [redacted] said, they made the decision not to remove the weapon until they could document their actions on video. Deputy [redacted] added that deputy personnel collectively decided it was important to "memorialize the evidentiary value" that showed Suspect Lopez had the weapon tied to him "like a tactical sling around his neck."

Deputy [redacted] was not sure whether Sergeant Marbach or Sergeant Chang recorded the removal of the weapon, but he did remember Deputy [redacted] cut the USB cord and subsequently removed the firearm from Suspect Lopez. Once the firearm was removed, Deputy [redacted] saw Sergeant Minster trying to perform "life-saving techniques" on Suspect Lopez. Paramedics arrived and began treating Suspect Lopez. Paramedics pronounced Suspect Lopez dead at the scene.

Deputy [redacted] further explained that to minimize the possibility of a cross-fire between him and Deputy [redacted], he intentionally walked out to the side of the vehicle, instead of forward. He knew Deputy [redacted] was to his right, so he moved out and away from the car because he was trying to keep an "L" shape between him and Deputy [redacted].

Deputy [redacted] backdrop to the east of Suspect Lopez was a brick wall dividing the dirt lot from the College Park apartment complex. The backdrop to the south, was also a brick wall separating the dirt lot and a housing complex. Both walls were approximately 100 yards from the location of the shooting. There was no report of any property damage as a result of the shooting.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On September 4, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Sergeants Biddle and Cooper. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 8-11]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

Homicide Round Count

On July 4, 2015, Homicide Sergeant Biddle and Cooper conducted a round count of Deputy [redacted] firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P (serial #HRK[redacted]) at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. Deputy [redacted] did not reload and had a total of 9 rounds left, eight rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber.

IAB Interview

On January 4, 2018, at 1321 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants Irys Alvarez and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On July 3, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to work a gang violence suppression unit. On that day, Deputy [redacted] (bookman) partnered with Deputy [redacted] (driver) as unit 110G1. Deputy [redacted] had been out on patrol for approximately [redacted]. He was assigned to OSS in [redacted].

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] were patrolling the area of 32nd Street West and West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, when they saw two individuals walking east, on the south side of West Avenue K-4 (Refer to photo 3203, taken by Scientific Services Bureau, used during Deputy [redacted] interview **[Exhibit B]**. The "X," marked by Deputy [redacted], indicates their location in relation to the two Suspects when he and Deputy [redacted] first saw them). The suspects began walking down the center of the street, at which point, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] decided to contact them. Deputy [redacted] said he and Deputy [redacted] decided to make a pedestrian stop and contact the

individuals to cite, or give them verbal notification regarding the pedestrian in the roadway violation.

Deputy [redacted] stated the area he and Deputy [redacted] were patrolling was surrounded by large apartment complexes. Deputy [redacted] described it as an area where "a lot of criminal behavior" takes place and where "known and unknown gang-members hangout." Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were familiar with the area and had received information that Palmdale detectives were looking for a vehicle, connected to that area, which was involved, or had possibly been involved in a shooting.

Deputy [redacted] said at the point they drove up to Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2, both suspects began walking to the north side of West Avenue K-4. Deputy [redacted] angled the patrol car in their direction and both suspects began walking back to the south side of the street, toward the dirt lot, at which point Deputy [redacted] exited the vehicle, while it was still moving at approximately a mile an hour. He gave Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 verbal commands to place their hands on the hood of the patrol car. Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 did not comply with Deputy [redacted] commands. Deputy [redacted] estimated he was approximately twenty-five to thirty feet away from the suspects.

Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 continued walking to the south side of the street. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspects placed their hands inside of their sweatshirt, or under their sweatshirt. Fearing Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 were arming themselves, Deputy [redacted] said he drew his weapon, pointed it at them, and told them multiple times to show him their hands. Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 continued to ignore Deputy [redacted] commands and continued walking toward the dirt lot. At one point, Suspect 2 began "swirling about." Deputy [redacted] stated that during the movement between Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2, Suspect 2 seem to intentionally block his view of Suspect Lopez, preventing Deputy [redacted] from having a good view of Suspect Lopez. Believing one or both suspects may be armed, Deputy [redacted] ordered both suspects to get on the ground. Based on his experience, Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2's actions were to distract him and Deputy [redacted] because they were going to either "take off running, or arm themselves, or try to get rid of a weapon, or some sort of contraband."

IAB Note: Using the sketch of the crime scene provided by Scientific Services Bureau, Deputy [redacted] dotted and labeled (A-D) Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2's movements leading up to the deputy involved shooting [Exhibit F].

Deputy [redacted] stated that somehow during the time the Suspect Lopez and Suspect 2 were moving about, Suspect Lopez' back was facing him. At some point during the time Suspect 2 blocked Deputy [redacted] view of Suspect Lopez, Suspect 2 separated himself fifteen to twenty feet away from Suspect Lopez, in a southwest direction, further into the dirt lot. That is when Deputy [redacted] heard Suspect Lopez say, "Fuck this." Deputy [redacted] then saw Suspect Lopez swing to his left exposing what Deputy [redacted] believed to be an "Uzi" in a swinging motion until it's pointing at Deputy

[redacted] Deputy [redacted] said he started "hopping" from left to right, laterally to try not to be mowed down by the suspect's "assault rifle." Deputy [redacted] stated he fired his weapon nine times at Suspect Lopez. Deputy [redacted] explained that when he fired at Suspect Lopez, it was a consistent volley of shots. He added that he shot nine times because the suspect was still standing, and the threat was still there.
Once Suspect Lopez fell on the ground, Deputy [redacted] said he and Deputy [redacted] shortened the distance between then and Suspect Lopez. He saw Suspect 2 approach and reached toward Suspect Lopez. Deputy [redacted] became concerned Suspect 2 was going to arm himself, or possibly retrieve Suspect Lopez' weapon and engage him and Deputy [redacted] with the firearm.

As Suspect 2 was reaching in Suspect Lopez' direction, Deputy [redacted] pointed his firearm at Suspect 2. Deputy [redacted] then saw Suspect 2 run diagonally toward the southeast corner of the desert field where the two walls come together. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect 2 was midway through the desert when Deputy [redacted] went in foot pursuit of Suspect 2, approximately, forty to fifty yards diagonally through the desert field.

Deputy [redacted] said he initiated emergent radio traffic and broadcasted he and his partner were involved in a deputy-involved shooting and that Deputy [redacted] was in foot pursuit of Suspect 2. Deputy [redacted] initiated the radio traffic as soon as it was safe to do so, when Suspect 2 was running halfway through the desert field and Deputy [redacted] initiated his foot pursuit. Deputy [redacted] said he never lost sight of Deputy [redacted] and there was nothing in between them, obstructing their path, or their view of each other.

Deputy [redacted] said once Deputy [redacted] stopped chasing Suspect 2, Deputy [redacted] put out on the radio, he was no longer in foot pursuit and provided additional suspect description, as well as Suspect 2's last seen direction of travel. Deputy [redacted] then returned to Deputy [redacted] location. Deputy [redacted] said he believed Deputy [redacted] handcuffed Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez was then rolled over onto to his left side. He then saw the firearm was underneath Suspect Lopez, and believed the suspect was incapacitated.

Deputy [redacted] said that when Suspect 2 ran from the location, he became concerned whether Suspect 2 was going to double back on them, or if Suspect Lopez was going to "snap out of it" and re-engage them.

Approximately, two to three minutes after the initial emergent traffic, Sergeant Minster arrived on scene and requested a deputy to videotape the suspect. Sergeant Minster provided Deputy [redacted] with a knife to "cut off a lanyard that was tied around the suspect to the weapon." Deputy [redacted] then saw Sergeant Minster perform lifesaving measures on Suspect Lopez.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On July 6, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Sergeants Biddle and Cooper. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 21-22]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file in the transcribed interviews section.

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On July 4, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Sergeants Biddle and Cooper. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 16-17]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file in the transcribed interviews section.

On July 21, 2015, Homicide Detectives, Sergeants Biddle and Cooper, conducted a second interview of Witness [redacted]. The telephonic interview was summarized within the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, page 23].** The interview was not transcribed.

Lancaster Station Telephonic Phone Calls of [redacted]

On July 3, 2015 at approximately 2331 hours, Witness [redacted] contacted Lancaster Sheriff's Station and identified himself as [redacted]. Witness [redacted] spoke with Deputy Shane Dobra, #[redacted]; as a result, Lancaster Tag #582 was generated. The phone call was audio recorded and summarized within the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, page 17]**. A copy of the Incident History Report for Tag #582, is located in **Miscellaneous Documents**.

As a result of the initial phone call, Deputy Rasaundra Marolla, #[redacted], contacted Witness [redacted] on July 4, 2015, at approximately 0550 hours. Deputy Marolla asked Witness [redacted] information regarding Tag #582. Witness [redacted] then told Deputy Marolla he witnessed deputies shoot a man and requested to speak with Internal Affairs Bureau personnel. The call was audio recorded and summarized within the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, page 17]**.

On July 20, 2015, at approximately 2016 hours, Witness [redacted], again, called Lancaster Station and spoke with Lieutenant David Grall, #[redacted]. He said that after talking to his psychiatrist, he had a better recollection of the shooting involving deputies and Suspect Lopez. The conversation was audio recorded and summarized in the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, page 23]**.



WITNESS [redacted]

On July 6, 2015, Sergeants Biddle and Cooper met with Suspect Lopez' family. Witness [redacted] and Suspect Lopez' other [redacted] were present. As of July 6, 2015, Witness [redacted] had not been identified as Suspect 2. The conversation between Suspect Lopez' family and Sergeants Biddle and Cooper was audio recorded and summarized in the Homicide casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 20-21]**.

On September 23, 2016, during the civil lawsuit deposition against the Department of [redacted] Et Al, Witness [redacted] identified himself as the person present (Suspect 2) during the deputy-involved shooting involving his "[redacted]" (Suspect Lopez). At the time of the deposition, the Homicide case book had been turned in and Suspect 2 (Witness [redacted]) was not interviewed by Homicide detectives.
IAB investigators obtained Witness [redacted] information and a copy of the transcribed deposition (pages 67-68) in which he identified himself as the male accompanying Suspect Lopez the night of the shooting **[Exhibit K]**. IAB investigators mailed a certified letter to Witness [redacted] in an attempt to schedule an interview. As of March 19, 2018, he had not contacted IAB investigators.

A copy of the certified letter receipt is located in **Miscellaneous Documents**.